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UNITED PRESS CARRIED FOLLOWING

1. WHITE HOUSE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY AT 1056

HOURS EST. PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT LT. GEN. VERNON WALTERS, A LONGTIME FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND A KEY WATERGATE WITNESS, IS QUITTING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. FORD SAID AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE WAS NOMINATING E. HENRY KNOCHE, A CAREER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL, AS REPLACEMENT FOR WALTERS. T Y

2. MR. DUSH WAS CONCERNED TO COUNTER THE PRESS ^{TONE} REFERENCE TO

~~WHITTING~~ AND IMMEDIATELY EMPHASIZED TO THE WHITE HOUSE PEOPLE DEALING WITH THE PRESS THAT YOU HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RETIRE FROM THE ARMY ON 30 JUNE, THAT YOU WOULD, THEREFORE, BE RESIGNING FROM THE AGENCY, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLETELY AMICABLE UNDERSTANDING ON THE MATTER FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT YOU HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE AND WERE IN NO WAY DEPARTING UNDER PRESSURE. E2 IMPDET.H

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